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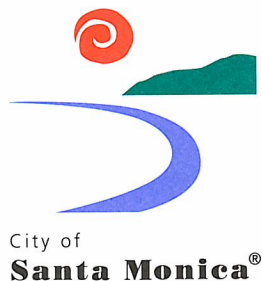
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September 18, 2017

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Governor's Office
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 613 (de León): Immigration status.
City of Santa Monica – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown,

On behalf of the City of Santa Monica, I am pleased to write to you in **SUPPORT** of **SB 613 (de León)**, and respectfully request that you **SIGN** this bill when it comes before your desk. This bill would eliminate state cooperation in immigration enforcement at state hospitals, developmental centers, and juvenile justice facilities.

Specifically, this bill would repeal the requirement for the state departments of Developmental Services and State Hospitals and the Division of Juvenile Justice to cooperate with the United States Department of Homeland Security in arranging for the deportation of individuals who are confined in their institutions. State agencies that care for juveniles, mental health patients, and the developmentally disabled should not have an obligation to engage in immigration enforcement, which is a federal responsibility. Additionally, knowing that the threat of deportation could be imminent at these state facilities may deter immigrants from seeking services, even those immigrants who may hold valid visas and be legal permanent residents.

Hard-working immigrants are vital participants in California's cultural diversity, economy, and vibrant communities. In light of action at the federal level to increase deportation efforts throughout the nation, California should continue to demonstrate leadership on this issue by protecting and serving all California residents, regardless of immigration status. Preserving trust within our communities is in the best interest of all Californians.

The City of Santa Monica is committed to embracing diversity, rejecting hate, and maintaining public safety in our communities. Recently, the Santa Monica Police Department announced the termination of its agreement with the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration & Customs Enforcement branch. **SB 613 (de León)** will similarly help ensure that California's laws reflect California's values.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Monica **SUPPORTS SB 613 (de León)** and respectfully requests that you **SIGN** this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ted Winterer
Mayor

cc: The Honorable Kevin de León, 24th Senate District
The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District
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